UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION; AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION FOUNDATION; NEW YORK CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION; and NEW YORK CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION FOUNDATION,

Plaintiffs,

Defendants.

v

JAMES R. CLAPPER, in his official capacity as Director of National Intelligence; KEITH B. ALEXANDER, in his official capacity as Director of the National Security Agency and Chief of the Central Security Service; CHARLES T. HAGEL, in his official capacity as Secretary of Defense; ERIC H. HOLDER, in his official capacity as Attorney General of the United States; and ROBERT S. MUELLER III, in his official capacity as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation,

No. 13-cv-03994 (WHP)

MOTION OF NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC., FOR LEAVE TO FILE BRIEF OF *AMICUS CURIAE* IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS

The National Rifle Association of America, Inc., hereby moves for leave to file the accompanying *amicus curiae* brief in support of Plaintiffs in the above-captioned action. Both Plaintiffs and Defendants have consented to the filing of this brief.

The NRA believes the proposed brief can materially aid in explaining important implications of this case. As described in the brief, the NRA has a longstanding history as an organization that supports strong military and law enforcement measures to protect

America's national security, while also supporting strong protections for constitutional liberties. As a result of those interests, the NRA has engaged directly in legislative

advocacy with respect to precursors of the statutory provisions at issue.

The NRA also has a direct interest in preserving its ability to communicate with

its members, the public, and elected officials, as well as the ability of its members to

associate freely. Due to those interests, the NRA has a long record of advocacy—

including Supreme Court litigation—in defense of the First Amendment issues raised by

Plaintiff. See Pl. Mem. of Law in Supp. of Pl's. Mot. for Prelim. Inj. at 31-34.

Finally, the NRA has spent decades advocating for legislative provisions

protecting gun owners' privacy—provisions that not only could be nullified by the type

of surveillance programs at issue, but that are illustrative of statutory protections for

privacy that could be generally affected by this case.

For these reasons, *amicus* respectfully requests that the Court grant this motion

for leave to file the accompanying brief.

Dated: September 4, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that on September 4, 2013, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court for the United States District Court, Southern District of New York by using the CM/ECF system. I certify that all participants in the case are registered CM/ECF users and that service will be accomplished by the CM/ECF system.

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